Amount allocated for Welfare of SCs and STs in Bihar

1007. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government for the Welfare of SC/ST during each of the last three years in Bihar;

(b) the number of families expected to be benefited as per the scheme and the number of families actually benefited therefrom;

(c) whether the allocated amount has not been fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The amount allocated by the Ministry of Welfare under different schemes for the welfare of SCs/STs in Bihar during each of the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	7529.70
1994-95	3038.45
1995-96	1232.92

(b) The target and achievement of SC and ST families under different schemes for their welfare for the past three years has been as follows:—

SC Families

Year	Target	Achievement
1993-94	340000	179385
1994-95	240000	151736
1995-96	240000	175272
ST Families		
1993-94	125000	151300
1994-95	140000	104193
1995-96	120000	105420

(c) and (d) Information has been sought from the Government of Bihar and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Female Beggars Homes in Maharashtra

1008. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the

(a) whether Government have set up female beggar homes in the State of Maharashtra particularly in Mumbai and Nagpur with the cooperation of the Government of Maharashtra under Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answar to (a) in negative whether Government propose to set up female beggar homes at Mumbai and Nagpur for the welfare of female beggars; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra have set up a Beggars Home for Female Beggars at Chembur in Mumbai city with a capacity of 550 and provision for rehabilitation of Beggars. The Home has an average capacity of 400 and it provides training programmes in broom making, tailoring, sewing, farming etc. In addition medical and health care is also available to the inmates. The capacity of the Beggars Home at Mumbai is not fully utilised and there is no proposal to have a similar home at Nagpur.

Adequate Funds for Welfare of Minorities

1009. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to grant adequate funds for the welfare of minorities;

(b) whether such requests are in terms of establishment of some Rs. 500 crores fund to be raised for welfare of minorities of country;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) No specific request in terms of establishment of Rs. 500.00 crores fund for the welfare of minorities has been received in this Ministry. However, Ministry of Welfare has been implementing a scheme of multi-sectoral plans for 41 minority concentration districts